

A TENNESSEE TOWN,

A Pen Picture of Jackson and its
Enterprising and Thriving
People.

Jackson, Tenn., Special.

Jackson, the magic city of Tennessee, situated between three great trunk lines of railroads, enlivened by the busy hum of the machineries in water works, foundries, factories, electric and railroad shops, tunnelled with sanitary sewerage, paved with Belgian and granite block, board and brick walks, thronged with the hurry and bustle of people, illumined at night by electric lights, modernized by electric and cable cars, netted with telephone and telegraph wires, capitalized by numerous banks, stock, deposits, enormous capital and 40,000 bales of cotton per annum, enlightened with seminaries, colleges, universities and public schools, denominational and local, dignified with State, supreme and Federal courts, edified with beautiful churches, called the factory city of Tennessee, at all times slighted by yellow jack, smallpox and every other epidemic; beautified with modern and



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handsome residences, and crowded with a dense population of thrifty colored and white people; is one of the most progressive cities in the Southland. Out of a trading population of 500,000, one-half is colored. Upon the pay rolls of factories, railroad, boiler, electric shops, laundries, compresses, railroad firemen and brakemen, train and freight men 50 per cent of the names is colored workmen. The wages of a passenger fireman is \$100 per month, freight fireman \$88, and the monthly pay rolls of factories are \$150,000. This city is fraternal in labor spirit, but typical Southern in principle. The colored people fare very poorly in government affairs, and are only represented in Federal offices by colored mail carriers, but are preeminent in business enterprises, real estate, educational facilities church, benevolent and reform works.

I. H. ANDERSON AND OTHERS—
BUSINESS AND REAL ESTATE.

The Colored Men's Business League is composed of the most wealthy, prominent and influential men of the city. The president of this league, the Rev. I. H. Anderson, is the richest man in Jackson. This gentleman is one of the most successful merchants in the State. His wealth is approximately estimated at \$25,000. In spite of the humdrum of life and the almost inhuman tangled drama of existence, as it is day by day revealed and experienced by our race in every avenue of life, the ability, business tact and thrifty genius of this man, fired with the honest and manly idea of creating an independent fortune for himself and cultured family, have placed him and his family upon the enviable heights of prosperity and wealth far above the human wants of life. The Anderson large wholesale grocery, shoe and dry goods stores and public buildings and dwellings are situated in the most prominent business part of the city. Rev. I. H. Anderson is the richest colored citizen of Jackson. And these gentlemen are approximately estimated to be worth from \$5,000 to \$12,000: Bishop Isaac Lane,

Greene Parker, Rev. W. M. Payne, Thos. Davis, Rev. Henry Bullock, C. H. Philips, A. M. M. D. D.D.; George W. Fitzgerald, Prof. Austin R. Merry, A. M., and Dr. J. B. Dixon. Situated in the most prominent sections of the city are the tontorial parlors of Fitzgerald, Reed, Exum, Bingham, Flippen and Robinson; the family stores of Neely & Bell; the restaurants of Adams & Mrs. Joyce; the hotel of Mrs. Lancaster; the grocery of Mr. Gillispie, and the undertaking establishments of Sanders.

DR. C. H. PHILIPS' AND OTHERS
RESIDENCES.

The cosy and magnificent residence, with its suite of parlors, drawing, blue and red rooms, called Love-Dale, is owned by Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Philips. This residence is located on one of the most prominent streets. Among other elegant residences valued from \$1,500 to \$5,000 are Revs. I. H. Anderson, N. B. Smith, D. W. Featherston, Barham, Birney, Messrs. J. W. Lane, Joe Nelson, B. D. Ballard, J. H. Trimble, R. H. Flippin, W. B. Blanchet, Joe Berry, Henry Berry, G. W. Fitzgerald, Frederick Wilkins, Jas. Twiggs, Clint Freeling, Z. T. Robinson, Randolph, Shaw, W. M. Brown, Mrs. Rogers, Amanda Anderson, Mrs. Lancaster, Mary Boyce, Hannah Pope, Amie Anderson, Ella McNeely, Prof. A. R. Merry and Drs. J. B. Dixon and M. V. Lynk, and Bishop Isaac Lane.

CHURCHES.

This city is the headquarters of the C. M. E. Church in America. In the



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huge C. M. E. Brick structure, occupying nearly a city square, is the C. M. E. Publishing House, with its Sunday School and Literature departments, and its book stores, manned by the Rev. Henry Bullock; its printing and bookbinding departments superintended by Mr. Meeks; its general office of the Christian Index, edited by Dr. C. H. Philips. The large and beautiful Liberty and St. Paul churches are the Southern and Eastern C. M. E. churches of the city. The A. M. E. Church is in the south part of the city. Berean, Macedonia are among the many Baptist churches of the city. The Episcopal and Cumberland Presbyterian churches are located in the northern section.

LANE COLLEGE AND OTHER
SCHOOLS.

The public schools for colored children are crowded with their hundreds. These schools are under the supervision of the able and experienced Prof. Austin R. Merry. The public school teachers are modern and progressive in their ideas of public school work. Among the many able teachers are Mrs. Isidora King, Lizzie Robinson, R. H. Flippen, Shelly Nichols, Misses Callie Hutchins Beulah Boyce, Della Payne and Dora Simms.

LANE COLLEGE.

It is readily conceded that there is no better location for an institution of learning in the State than Jackson. It possesses all the essentials requisite for a college town—a salubrious climate, an intelligent, refined and moral

community and abundant accommodation for the comfort of students. It has railroad communication with the chief centers of population in the State. Situated in this city are the Catholic University, the Southwestern Baptist University, the Female Institute of the M. E. Church South, and Lane College of the C. M. E. Church. Lane College is the leading connectional college of the C. M. E. Church in America, and is one of the oldest and leading institutions in the South. It stands in the front rank of the State's educational institutions, offering full and complete courses in its theological college, preparatory, normal, English, musical and industrial departments. The college department offers to students the choice of three regular courses, classical, literary and scientific—each extending through four academic years and leading to the degrees of B. A., B. L., and B. S., respectively. The main building of Lane College is a fine three-story stone structure with granite trimmings, "artistically covered with malleable iron, with two beautiful, lofty towers." Around the main building cluster beautiful dormitories, sewing hall, college church, college library, industrial shops and the dean's residence. These fine buildings, with its rolling football, croquet, lawn tennis and grove campus, occupy and command one of the most beautiful and picturesque sites in Tennessee. Lane College holds a place and responsibility superior to any other denominational or State college in this city. The college, theological and industrial departments are necessary to our colored people, with a million disadvantages. This college is educating the heart, hand and head of the colored young men and women. This Christian institution, unsectarian in its management and influence, made connectional by the general conference of the C. M. E. Church, controlled by a board of trustees, representing Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi, Alabama, Illinois and Missouri conferences receive no aid from city, State or national government or benevolent society, has over 300 students in its college; theological, normal, English, musical and industrial departments, under twenty-five officers and teachers.

FACULTY.

Graduates from the leading colleges and seminaries of America compose the faculty of Lane College.

DR. C. A. LEFTWICH, ELECTED
DEAN AND PRINCIPAL.

The election of the dean and principal, who was to fill also the chair in Hebrew, Latin and Greek, was practically in the hands of the Tennessee bishop and the conference's board of trustees. The rapid progress and crowning success of the college, both in tone and numbers, show their great wisdom in the election of the young and brilliant Rev. C. A. Leftwich, A. B., A. M., B. D., D. D., who recently united with the C. M. E. conference of Georgia. He was elected in September, 1898. He came to his work well equipped and full of enthusiasm and energy. He received the degree of B. A. and M. A. from his alma mater, Howard University, and the degree B. D. from his alma mater, Gammon Theological Seminary, and in 1897 the honorary degree D. D. from Payne University. He was a professor in Morgan College, Lynchburg, Va., and Cookman Institute, Jacksonville, Fla. There was also a providential fitness in his election, because the personality of young Dr. Leftwich is impressive, his polished, polite and happy manner is popular; his art of teaching is masterly; his gifted oratorical ability is both powerful and persuasive. Dr. Leftwich has many warm friends and strong admirers among the most prominent colored and white people of America. Lane will be able to hold its own among first-class institutions, if it can retain the gifted, learned, popular and brilliant young dean, Dr. C. A. Leftwich.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETIES.

The Knights of Pythias, the United Order of Odd Fellows, the Masons, the

Sons and Daughters of Ham, the Universal Brotherhood, the Good Samaritans meet in their fine buildings. The United Order of True Reformers was organized June 4, 1899. The Grand Fountain at Richmond, Va., has appointed Presiding Elder Smothers, of Memphis, Tenn., State grand deputy, and Dr. C. A. Leftwich, of this city, past master of the True Reformers.

The Rev. C. H. Philips, A. M., M. D. D. D.

Among the group of Jackson's great men, the able and polished gentleman, the Rev. C. H. Philips, A. M., M. D., D. D., editor of the Christian Index, the official organ of the C. M. E. Church, stands forth the most conspicuous as a writer, preacher and leader. Dr. Philips is one of the most prominent and able leaders of the race. Excepting the bishops, he ranks as the leader of his church and the leading representative of colored Methodism in this country. He pertains to a type of man so rare that we can enumerate only a few other examples in the galaxy of great men to which he belongs. With an imagination rich and sublime, an intellect deeply cast in the literary and oratorical mould, wonderfully united by the combination of the imaginative, the profound, and the practical, a genius of the gifted few, he is truly the leader of his church, and is recognized a leader of his race. His sobriety of mind, unselfishness of spirit and devotion of loyalty and love for his church, give him the power of seeing what in all circumstances was best to be done for his church. This is his second term of four years as editor of the official organ. An honor conferred upon no other former editor of the Christian Index. As an author his works take their places in high, valuable and enduring literature. His History of the C. M. E. Church is the gem of negro productions, and shows himself equally at home in the depths as on the heights. As a preacher, his buoyant enthusiasm and herculean powers distinguish him as one of the most magnetic and powerful pulpit orators of America.

AMUSEMENTS.

National

Week to begin Monday January 8.
JACOB LIT'S GIGANTIC PRODUCTION.

SPORTING
LIFE

250 People. 10 Horses.

THE BIGGEST SHOW IN THE
WORLD.

The Complete New York Production.
Next Week—OLGA NETHERSOLE.

Academy

Week of January 8. Matinees Wednesday and Saturday, 25 and 50 cents.

The Very Giant of Laughter,
HOYT'S GREAT POLITICAL
SATIRE

A TEXAS
STEER

Next week, Jas. H. Wallick's Great
Scenic Production,
THE KING OF ROGUES.